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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Ken Ilkka, hereby declare and say that:

1. I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in a patent application that is entitled "CHROME-PLATED PAD-PRINTED OBJECT AND METHOD FOR PRINTING ON A CHROME PLATED OBJECT," the specification of which is attached hereto. I hereby state that I am a citizen of the United States. I also state that my residence and P.O. address are as follows: _____

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2. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

3. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

4. I hereby appoint the following attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: A. Sidney Katz, Reg. No. 24,003; Richard L. Wood, Reg. No. 22,839; Jerold B. Schnayer, Reg. No. 28,903; Eric C. Cohen, Reg. No. 27,429; Joseph R. Marcus, Reg. No. 25,060; Gerald S. Schur, Reg. No. 22,053; Gerald T. Shekleton, Reg. No. 27,466; James A. Scheer, Reg. No. 29,434; Daniel R. Cherry, Reg. No. 29,054; Edward P. Gamson, Reg. No. 29,381; Kathleen A. Rheintgen, Reg. No. 34,044; Thomas W. Tolpin, Reg. No. 27,600; Jon P. Christensen, Reg. No. 34,137; Eric D. Cohen, Reg. No. 38,110; Walter J. Kawula, Jr., Reg. No. 39,724; Philip D. Segrest, Jr., Reg. No. 39,021; Mitchell J. Weinstein, Reg. No. 37,963; Leonard Friedman, Reg. No. 37,135; Steven E. Feldman, Reg. No. 40,604; and Jeffrey W. Salmon, Reg. No. 37,435.

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6 I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Ken Ikka

June 21, 2001
Date